

Remarks

The Office Action mailed October 13, 2005 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 7-26 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-6 stand rejected and have been canceled. Claims 7-26 are newly added. No additional fee is due for newly added Claims 7-26.

The objection to the specification is respectfully traversed.

By the above amendment, Applicant has amended the Abstract. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended Abstract includes proper language and format.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 2 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully traversed.

By the above amendment, Applicant has canceled Claims 2 and 3.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 112 rejections of Claims 2 and 3 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1 and 3-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,463,948 to Lee (hereinafter referred to as "Lee") is respectfully traversed.

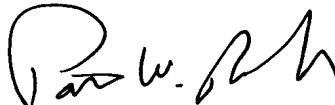
By the above amendment, Claims 1 and 3-6 have been canceled. In view of the above, the stated basis of rejection of Claims 1 and 3-6 are believed overcome or otherwise inappropriate and notification to that effect is solicited.

The rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 758,033 to Holmes (hereinafter referred to as "Holmes") is respectfully traversed.

By the above amendment, Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 have been canceled. In view of the above, the stated basis of rejection of Claims 1, 2 and 4-6 are believed overcome or otherwise inappropriate and notification to that effect is solicited.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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